Assam to replace the Assam Tea Plantations Security Forces (ATPSF);

(b) if so, in what circumstances and whether the ATPSF is expected to cover and address some additional concerns or areas of operation; and whether the ATPSF suffers from lack of funds; and

(c) what decision has been taken to create the new security force, indicating the constitution and functions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) The Government has not such proposal.

(b) and (c) In view of the (a) above, do not arise.

Muslims' Population

4407. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any enquiry regarding alleged outstanding growth among Muslims in the census of 2001;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is a deliberate attempt to show faster growth of Muslim population in the country; and

(d) who is responsible for it, and what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. An internal inquiry has been made. A mistake had been committed in the Report on Religion data released on 6th September, 2004. It was not mentioned in the Brief Analysis that the growth rates were based on unadjusted figures. This was, however, not deliberate. Appropriate warning has been issued to the concerned.

Privatisation of some public/semi-public Institutes/services

†4408. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that some public/semi-public institutes and services have been privatised;

(b) whether there was provision of reservation to SC/ST and Backward Classes in the services of such institutes before privatisation; and

(c) if so, the status of this provision of reservation after privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Development of Tsunami affected towns

4409. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government for development of small and medium towns affected by the Tsunami in Tamil Nadu; and

(b) whether the development work has been completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. RAGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government of India has set up a Core Group on Reconstruction, Management and monitoring for Tsunami affected areas in the Planning Commission. The Core Group has prepared a comprehensive plan for rehabilitation and reconstruction for the Tsunami affected States/UTs, which includes construction of dwelling units with proper town planning and provision for civic amenities. The complete package will be announced after the recommendations of the Core Group are approved by the Government.

Earthquake-prone cities

4410. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have already identified 38 cities of our country as quake-prone, out of which 10 cities are in extreme danger,